

AIEA HOSPITAL PERSONALITIES



Lieut. Eleanor Chin (NC) USN has been in the naval service since January 1943, when she enlisted in her home-town of Boston, Mass.

Before coming to Aiea Heights, her duty stations have been at Chelsea, Mass.; Camp Peary, Va.; Oakland, Calif., and Pearl Harbor hospitals.

In civilian life, she was a private duty nurse and, upon her return to that wonderful status, she plans to attend social service school. She is one of the very few nurses of Chinese ancestry in the Navy.

Albert M. Pikkula, MaM2c, USNR, took the oath of his present office at Butte, Mont., in January 1944. His boot training was at Farragut, Idaho.

Before coming to this hospital, he served in the locator section of the Fleet Post Office in San Francisco. "Pic" was a mailman in his native Great Falls, Mont., for six years.

He also was a rancher and pitched in semi-pro baseball for nine years. After his discharge from service, "Pic" expects to reside in Minneapolis, Minn.



Terry Holiday, HA1c of Pawtucket, R. I., enlisted in the Navy in August 1944. She was employed as a clerk in the Post Exchange at La Junta, Colo.

Terry had corp school training at Bethesda, Md., and was stationed at the Naval Hospital, New Orleans, La., for nine months. She arrived at Aiea in July 1945 and at present is night Master-at-Arms in the WAVes Quarters.

Her favorite hobbies are swimming and dancing. She desires to become an air-line hostess when she becomes a civilian.



Hospitals Get Penicillin On Priority Basis

Limited by recent low production, supplies of penicillin will be distributed to hospitals on a priority basis, states an Associated Press story from the nation's capital.

Officials of the War Production Board, who announced this plan, told reporters that they planned to issue a directive to insure a supply for hospitals. Export control of penicillin also was suggested by these officials, who said that the Department of Commerce and members of the penicillin producers' industry advisory committee concurred in this suggestion.

Industry committee members reported to the War Production Board that October production of penicillin was higher than that of September, which hit a low point for the past four months.

The WPB stated it is arranging for production of a higher grade of corn steep liquor, which penicillin producers say is necessary to increase production to amounts judged necessary.

Chrysler Has Secret Engine

The Chrysler Corp. produced during the war a new, secret, 2,500-horsepower, liquid-cooled plane engine of unusual design, according to a recent Associated Press dispatch from Detroit.

A sixteen-cylinder, inverted V type, this engine was described as "more powerful than any one of similar displacement, yet easier to produce and substantially more economical in operation than other engines of the same type and power."

This new wonder motor is ten feet five inches in length and less than three feet in diameter. It weighs 2,430 pounds and, in a specially adapted testing plane, develops speeds of 500 miles per hour.

After fifty-six months of engineering and testing, Chrysler says it delivered the first engine to Air Technical Service Command in January 1945.

OVER-LANDING CRAFT

(SEA)—One of the Navy's largest overland operations was completed recently in the transfer by rail across the continent of 52 LCMs, which were cut into sections on the West Coast and reassembled in New York. The 30-ton, 56-foot craft are slated for use in training operations at St. John's River, Fla.



By Ship's Editorial Association
Old fashioned mosquito: And to think that when I was young, I only bit the girls on the hands and face.

A sailor got a letter from his wife containing a sketch of their car's dashboard. "This is the exact way the dashboard looks," she wrote, "do we need a quart of oil?"

Officer: What would you do if your gun captain's head were blown off in the midst of a battle?

Seaman: Nothing.

Officer: Why not?

Seaman: I'm the gun captain.

A nurse reported to the doctor that the sailor under her care didn't think he was getting enough attention.

Doctor: Well, give him what he wants.

Nurse: Sir! I'll resign first.

Increase In VD Reported By Army

(ANS)—Sharp increases in venereal disease rates among American troops at home and abroad as fighting ended or diminished were reported by the Army Medical Department.

The Army doctors said these were among the reasons:

1. Post-combat "let-down" and increased leisure.
2. Exposure to population with high venereal disease rates.
3. Diminished fear of infection as a result of improved treatment procedures.

A report in the December bulletin of the Medical Department gave these figures:

In the European theater, the venereal disease rate rose from 62 cases per 1000 men a year in May (V-E month) to 155 in August.

In the Pacific area the rate increased from five cases per 1000 men a year in January to ninety-seven in June.

In the United States the rate was forty-three cases per 1000 men a year in May and fifty-three in August.

LIGHTEST JET AIRCRAFT

(SEA)—The world's lightest jet aircraft engines, for their power and size are now being built for the Navy. The "Yankee," 19 inches in diameter, and the "baby jet," measuring 9½ inches across, are the first jet engines of wholly American design to be tested in flight.

In the "Yankee" the air enters at 300 miles per hour and is increased to 600 miles per hour as it reaches the compressor.



CPL VIRGIL PANTICA
FT ORD PANORAMA

"It's just his discharge papers."

HI-LITES VISITS TRANSPORTATION DEPT.



Seen left to right are E. R. Wild, PhM2c; Lt. (jg) H. V. R. Gage, Lt. (jg) H. B. Knaff and L. Feingersh, PhM2c.



Vehicles Evacuating Patients From The Hospital.

A highly important spoke in the Hospital wheel is the Transportation Dept., which started with a complement of twenty-seven vehicles at the time of its commissioning in 1942. At present there are 104 items of transport. From 1 January 1945 to the first of this month a total of 25,000 patients have been delivered safely to ships and planes for evacuation. This department takes especial pride in the fact that, since its inception, not a single patient has been injured while being carried in a hospital vehicle.

765 stretcher patients was the phenomenally large number handled in one day on an incoming draft. The first great number of stretcher cases occurred soon after the Tarawa invasion, when 365 patients were removed from the U.S.S. Solace in 1 hour 25 minutes.

At the time of the Marshall Islands' invasions, one day saw a two-mile long procession of vehicles traveling from the dock to the hospital. For a month during this period of the war, many ambulance drivers here went with only



The Complete Staff of the Transportation Dept.

enough time off to enable them to obtain a minimum of sleep.

In charge of this vital department for the past two years has been Lt. (jg) H. v. R. Gage (HC) USN, who has been on the staff here since nineteen days after the hospital's commissioning. At the outbreak of the war, Lt. Gage was

aboard the U. S. S. Cinchona and was the only man on that ship to be injured.

Other posts he has held here include those of Hospital Corps Officer, Passive Defensive Officer, Maintenance Officer, Bag Room Officer and Welfare Officer. Some of these jobs were handled simul-

taneously.

Lt. Gage has been quoted as saying, "My job would have been impossible had I not had the fullest cooperation of all hands in, and outside, my department." Upon his retirement from the Navy, he plans to settle on a ranch in New Mexico.

Lt. Gage's successor, and newly reported aboard this station, is Lt. (jg) H. B. Knaff (HC) USN. This officer, who entered the Navy in 1920 as an HA2c, comes here from duty with the Military Government unit of the Tenth Army on Okinawa. He has served aboard the battlewagon Delaware and cruisers Pittsburgh and Omaha. When we entered the war, he was attached to the First Marine Division, then at New River, N. C.

Since this hospital was commissioned, more than 50,000 tons of materials have been hauled up to The Heights. At its operating peak, the hospital had 2,100 tons per month delivered by Transportation vehicles.

The types of vehicles employed by this department are many and varied. There are thirty-two ambulances, twenty-nine trucks, seven pickups and three weapon carriers.

Also two station wagons, nine busses, ten jeeps, seven sedans and five motorcycles.

New York (CNS)—Other returning high-pointers watched in awe as T/Sgt. Paul A. Smith strolled down the gangplank. The reason: Smith, 24-year-old aerial gunner from Charlotte, N. C., has 219 points. Entering the service in 1940, he went on more than 120 missions with the 8th, 14th, and 15th Air Forces.

DEGLAMORIZING SCHOOLS STARTED FOR WAR BRIDES

(SEA). — "Deglamorizing schools" have been set up by the Red Cross in England to teach war brides of American GIs not to expect too much of the states. Specifically it is the out-of-this-world picture the girls have got from Hollywood and from bragging American servicemen that has to be corrected. Otherwise the girls on arriving here might expect Park Avenue penthouses on their husbands' \$35 or \$40 a week salaries. So far, 22,000 overseas brides

have applied for permission to join their GI husbands in America. The State Department estimates that as many as 100,000 servicemen were married abroad but refuses to guess how many wives will come to this country.

The State Department estimate was based on a supposed total of 60,000 marriages in England, 5,000 to 15,00 in Europe, and 20,000 to 25,000 in Australia and New Zealand. Starting in January, 6,000 to 8,000 GI brides are scheduled to enter the United States each month. They can become citizens in two years.



"Sorry, Mac. Sick Call's at 1300."